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AT THE FEBRUARY 13-14 PARTNERS' FORUM

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On February 4, econchief discussed reftel demarche with MFA Director for International Cooperation Yacoub Al-Hosani, to follow-up Embassy's December 28 approach to the MFA. Econchief pressed Al-Hosani to have the UAE show support for Liberia by sending a high level delegation and to consider providing assistance to Liberia. Al-Hosani said that he was aware of the conference and the request for UAE attendance, but did not make any commitments other than to follow-up on the issue with his colleagues. (Note: The UAE does not have diplomatic relations with Liberia. End Note.) SISON